STARDUST & SOLILOQUIES

CHAPTER 8

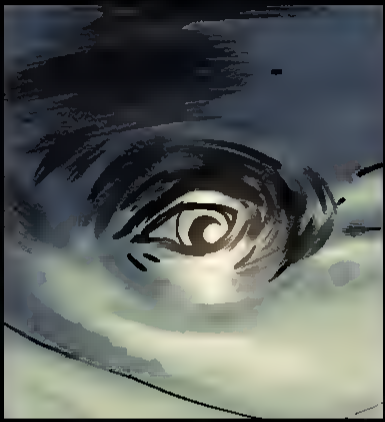
STORY AND ART BY TRI VUONG

COLORS BY JOHN C. NEWTON

ALL RIGHT. LET'S EASE UP ON THE THROTTLE.
YES. WE DON'T WANT TO SPOOK HER.

I'VE NEVER BEEN UP SO CLOSE TO A WHALE IN HERE.
HRMMM... INTERESTING. THE BARNACLES SEEM TO HAVE TAGGED ALONG WITH HER DURING PHASE SHIFT.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD GET

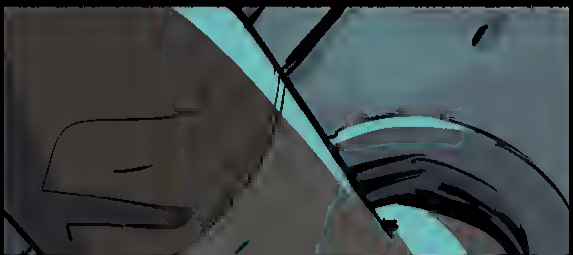
A SAMPLE...
UH...
LET'S WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER.



HOLY SMOKES! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HER.
LET'S POWER DOWN THE LIGHTS. SHE'S A LITTLE SKITTISH.

EASY GIRL. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HIDING DOWN HERE FOR A WHILE. AND WHO CAN BLAME YOU?
HOWEVER, MY FRIENDS AND I ARE IN A BIT OF A BIND AND COULD USE YOUR

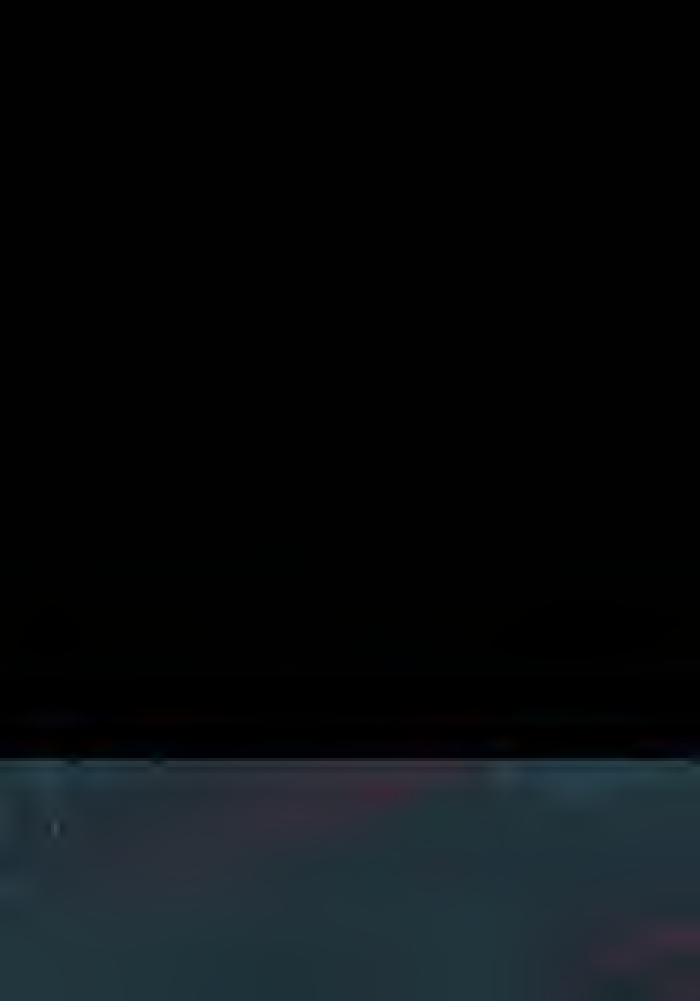
HELP.

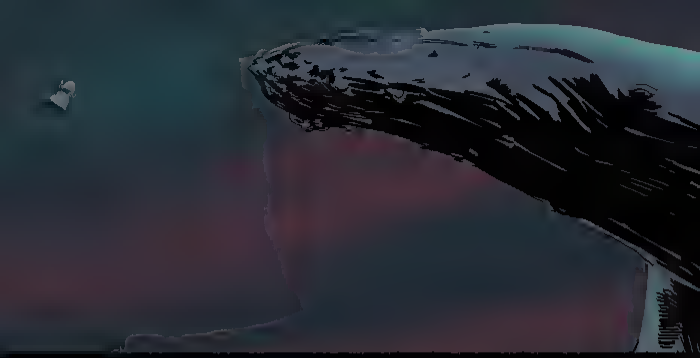


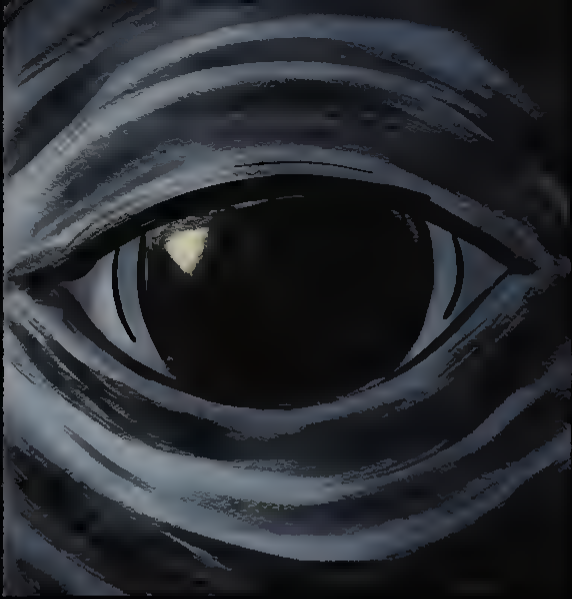
CATALYTIC CONVERTER PREPPED FOR HARMONIC CONVERSION. WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO OVERLOAD THE MODULE OR THERE'S GONNA BE ECTOPLASMIC WASTE.
BE SURE TO SHUT IT OFF BEFORE THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS BLOW OR THERE'S GOING TO

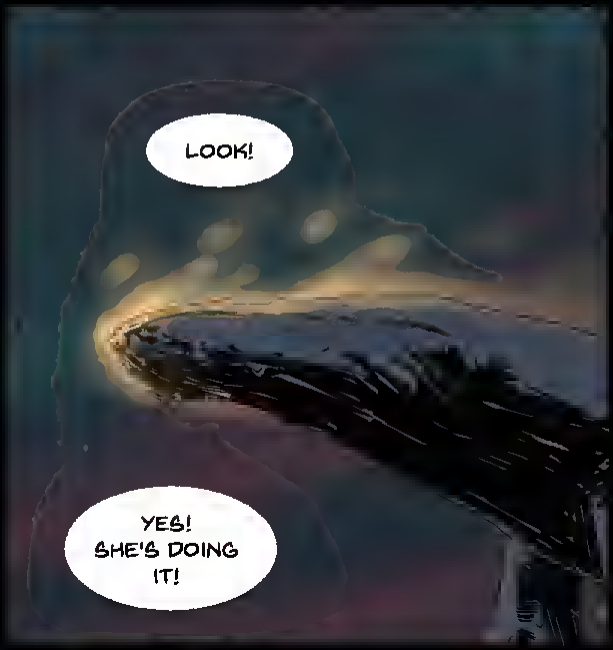
BE BIG PROBLEMS.
RIGHT.

DEPLOYING FUEL CELLS.
COME ON GIRL.
SING FOR US.

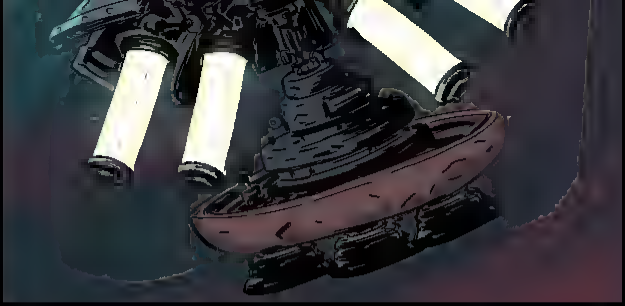


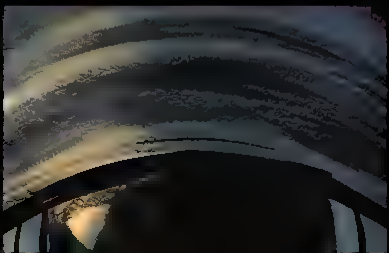





LOOK!
YES!
SHE'S DOING
IT!

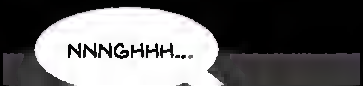
FUEL CELLS ARE TOPPED UP! THAT'S IT. EDMUND. SHUT IT DOWN.





EDMUND?

NNNNGGHH...
MY HEAD!


NNNGHHH...

EDMUND SHUT IT DOWN QUICK! WE'RE OVERLOADING THE BATTERY!

SH- SHUT IT...
OSCAR?
NO...

TO BE CONTINUED...

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

ANNNNNND... WE'RE BACK! JEEZ, JOHN'S REALLY BEEN KILLING IT WITH THESE COLORS HUH? I'VE BEEN SUPER HAPPY TO SEE HIS TAKE ON THE OSCAR-VERSE. IT FEELS AUTHENTIC AND UNFAMILIAR AT THE SAME TIME, AND I THINK THE COMIC REALLY BENEFITS FROM HAVING AN EXTRA PAIR OF EYES (AND ANOTHER BRAIN) ON IT. THE EXTRA HELP HAS ALSO ALLOWED ME TO REST A LITTLE BIT AND

FOCUS ON PUMPING OUT THE PAGES A LITTLE BIT FASTER (AND HOPEFULLY BETTER).

I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE THESE AUTHOR NOTES A LITTLE BIT MORE INTERESTING BECAUSE RIGHT NOW USUALLY IT'S JUST ME COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW TIRED I AM ALL THE TIME. SO I THINK I'M GOING TO SKIP WRITING THESE NOTES EVERY WEEK UNLESS I HAVE SOMETHING MEANINGFUL TO WRITE.

ANYHOOZ, THANKS FOR READING GUYS!

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